

UCM Covid-19 Task Force Final Minutes
Eighteenth meeting 5/27/21

Present: John Bond, Kathleen Bryant, Allen Clark, Barbara Conrey, Liza Earle-Centers, Scott Hess (facilitating), Judith Hinds (recording), Rev. Joan, Janet Poeton, Noah Sexton.

Agenda:

- Chalice lighting (Joan)
- Changes to minutes of 5/13/21
- Changes to the agenda
- Comments/feedback from church members/community/Board/ET
- Updates to State or CDC or UUA guidelines (need to update sign-in sheets?)
- Air quality project update (if anything has changed)
- Changes or update to two-phase reopening plan (Tina)
- Role of TF – advising/recommending
- Critique of annual meeting/forums with respect to TF info presented
- FAQ encyclopedia update/changes, comments
- Update/changes to youth camping trip (Elizabeth, Liza)
- Touchless bathroom fixtures
- Messaging to members
- Other business
- Next meeting

Chalice Lighting (Joan)

1. Changes to Minutes

None

2. Changes to the Agenda

Add request from Joan for advice on worship team 6/6 and 6/13 – see item 13 below.
Add summer services in vestry? Not added – referred to ET for a decision.

3. Feedback/Comments from Others

Scott received an email from Joel Dennison urging full reopening of the church building sooner rather than later. See discussion under item 6 below.

The ET requested a couple of small edits to the latest proposed Outdoor and Off-site Guidelines. We just need to formally endorse this draft (dated 5/26) and resubmit to the ET. Done.

4. State Guidelines

There is no need to update the building sign-in sheets now. The update that was done in March covers all the bases by referencing state guidelines.

5. Air Quality Project Update

No new info at this time.

6. Changes or Update to Two-phase Reopening Plan

Tina couldn't attend today but had emailed us ahead of time asking us to reconsider our earlier recommendation to make Phase Two (full reopening) contingent upon the air quality project being complete. She and Joel and others favor reopening fully as soon as state guidelines allow.

Our discussion touched on several issues: “Fully open” means different things to different people. We need to stay focused on the science, not just the state guidelines. We don’t know whether there is asbestos inside the heating ducts. We don’t have singing guidelines yet. Kids are not vaccinated yet. We originally set up a two-phase process so that we can see how the first phase goes, and adjust course accordingly. The results of Phase One, and/or any changes in Covid numbers in the community, could lead us to speed up or slow down the whole process. We appreciate questions and suggestions, and will thank everyone who gives us input. We will ask them which aspects of “fully open” are most important to them. We do not recommend any changes to the Reopening Guidelines at this time. We will continue to monitor progress in the community and in UCM’s Phase One, and will recommend future changes as justified by science and experience.

7. Role of TF – Advising/Recommending

No discussion.

8. Critique of Annual Meeting/Forums

No discussion.

9. FAQ Update

No discussion. Air quality Q&A’s have been posted. Others are being reviewed by ET and worship team.

10. Update/Changes to Youth Camping Trip

No discussion. Referred to ET.

11. Touchless Bathroom Fixtures

Is this something we want to recommend? No. Other things are higher priority. We do not have the technology for touchless toilets.

12. Messaging

We will continue to put blurbs in the e-news, stressing that we are using science-based info in all our recommendations. Scott will draft an announcement for next week.

13. Other Business

(a) Joan asked our advice about having a slightly larger worship team in the sanctuary for the June services, e.g. herself, Verdis, Kellie, Eliza, and a camera person. All are fully vaccinated. We saw no problem with this as long as they are careful and follow the guidelines for airing out or leaving the sanctuary unoccupied for a period of time afterward.

(b) Singing guidelines need to be drafted. Janet and Joan volunteered to work with Kellie on this during June. Joan will convene them.

11. Next Meeting: **Mon. June 14th at 5:30 pm.** *Note change of day!!*

We hope to meet less often during the summer, but will take our cues as needed from the ET. Joan pointed out it’s more efficient if we meet during a week preceding an ET meeting, rather than the day after.